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Docket No. 6169-95

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of Fado, et al.

Serial No.: 09/399,873 Examiner: Armstrong, A. A.  
Date Filed: September 20, 1999 Group: 2654  
For: PROCESS FOR IDENTIFYING EXCESS NOISE  
IN A COMPUTER SYSTEM

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

Responsive to the office action mailed May 8, 2002 (Office Action), please amend the above-identified application as follows, and further, please consider the attached affidavits under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 for the purpose of overcoming those rejections based upon U.S. Patent No. 6,324,499 to Lewis, et al. (Lewis).

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A method for identifying excess noise in a computer system comprising the steps of:
  - recording a silence sample;
  - second recording an isolated noise sample while operating a computer system component in isolation from other computer system components;

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